

MINUTES OF DISTRIBUTION CODE REVIEW PANEL MEETING

10th May 2022



Present

Paul Harrington (PH) Chair

Stephen O' Sullivan (SOS) Secretary

Tony Hearne (TH) DSO

Dylan Ashe (DA) CRU (Alternate)

Miriam Ryan (MR) TSO

Mark Phelan (MP) PES/Independent Suppliers (Alternate)

Ger Beatty Synchronous Generators Ireland

David McMullin (DMcM) Embedded Generators - Wind

Gerard Rafferty Energy Storage Users

Oisín Goulding TSO (Presenting)

Kahraman Yumak (KY) TSO (Presenting)

Note: This meeting of the DCRP was held remotely via conference call

Apologies:

Robert O'Rourke CRU

Conor Minogue Major Customers

Aine Dorran PES/Independent Suppliers

Claire Quane DSO

Michael O'Hara NSAI

Peter Kavanagh Embedded Generators - Solar



1. Review of Previous Minutes:

Previous minutes were issued two weeks before this meeting. Members were given a
further two weeks to review and provide any feedback to the Secretary. If there is no
feedback received in this time they will be deemed approved.

Post-meeting note: No further feedback received on the minutes, therefore they are approved and will be posted on the ESB Networks website.

2. Derogations Update:

- SOS noted that the DSO has 50 (14 permanent and 36 temporary) derogations under assessment by the DSO.
- MR noted that there were 87 derogations under assessment by the TSO, 89 are with the CRU.

3. CRU Update:

- DA informed the members that the CRU expects to shortly approve Modifications #53, #54, #55, and #56
- CRU has recommended changes for Modification #54. This are not material and involve presentation and layout only, i.e. the use of a blank paragraph versus re-numbering clauses.
 - ESB Networks will amend the modification proposal. It was agreed that when this is completed, ESB Networks will update Members and send to CRU for approval. This will not need to go for another vote.
- DA noted that CRU are currently experiencing resourcing constraints which are affecting the processing of derogations. CRU are hopeful that this can be resolved.

Vote on Modification #57 (Housekeeping and correction of text to reflect the use of a DSO RTU to give effect to Controllability requirements per Mod#36):

- Modification #57 was presented to the Panel by TH.
- As per a Memorandum of Understanding between ESB Networks and EirGrid, the Controllability and other requirements per Mod #36 applicable to PPMs >1MW shall be implemented through the use of a DSO RTU which has the functionality to give effect to these requirements.
- The existing text is specific to a TSO RTU only and does not reflect the MoU and practice on the ground.
- The Members voted to recommend Modification #57 to the CRU for approval.

Action:

SOS will submit the recommended Modification #54 to the CRU for approval.



5. Vote on Modification proposal #58 (Permanent Decommissioning of Generation Units, and the introduction of the term Power Generation Facility Owner (PGFO) in DOC12):

- Modification #58 was presented to the Panel by TH..
- RfG requires the PGFO to inform the DSO of the permanent decommissioning of a Type A, B or C PGM. It is considered appropriate that the requirement is extend to Type D PGMs also.
- There is a noncompliance on the ACER report on implementation of Network Codes in relation to the this provision of Type A specifically. It has been agreed with CRU that this would be addressed by inserting appropriate text in the D-code.
- The Members voted to recommend Modification #58 to the CRU for approval.

Action:

• SOS to submit the recommended Modification #58 to the CRU for approval.

6. Power Park Module FRT Update:

- KY and OG gave a presentation on Power Park Module FRT on behalf of EirGrid.
- The presentation brought Members through the EirGrid website and its publications, as well as the Fault Ride Through Study Template document.
- TH asked if the document could clarify for synchronous generators that this will only apply to 5MW and up.
- KY will include this in a clarification.
- Relevant website links include:
 - o Simulation Studies and Modelling Requirements (eirgridgroup.com)
 - o Fault-Ride-Through-Study-Template-v2.0.pdf (eirgridgroup.com)
 - o Requirements-for-WECC-Model-Submission-v1.0.pdf (eirgridgroup.com)

7. Nodal Controller Update:

• TH gave a presentation to the Panel on the completion of the Nodal Controller project and will update the Panel when next steps become clear.

8. Update on the Registered Capacity Definition:

- TH gave a presentation to the Panel on the all-island work regarding the Registered Capacity Definition.
- The presentation is to be shared circulated to Members, and if Members have any comments they are asked to revert in two weeks.

Action:

• SOS to circulate presentation to Members for feedback.



ESBN minded-to position on Reactive Power requirements for BESS and augmented IN clause list:

- TH discussed ESB Networks' minded-to position on Reactive Power requirements for BESS and augmented IN clause list.
- The document is to be shared circulated to Members, and if Members have any comments, they are asked to revert in two weeks.

Action:

SOS to circulate document to Members for feedback.

10. Brief update on outline structures for D-Code adoption of BESS IN:

- TH gave an update on outline structures for D-Code adoption of BESS IN.
- The document is to be shared circulated to Members, and if Members have any comments, they are asked to revert in two weeks (shared on 20th May).

Action:

• SOS to circulate document to Members and request feedback within two weeks.

11. Discussion on approving revised V8 of Distribution Code in mid-2022:

 PH noted the intention to publish the updated Version 8 of the Distribution Code, to incorporate all modifications approved since Version 7 was published. ESB Networks plans to circulate a draft V8 in advance of the September meeting.

Summary of Meeting Actions:

- SOS to also submit the recommended Modifications #57 and #58 to the CRU for approval.
- SOS to circulate a series of documents and presentations to Members.